



Metamorphosis Franz Kafka

This story, about a man who wakes up transformed into a bug and the repercussions it has on his life and the people around him, has intrigued me for many years. The translation is by Ian Johnston, not the translator that is in Gutenberg; I like Johnston's more. What does it mean? [Spoiler possibly] In my mind it is not complicated at all and is most probably an autobiography of how Kafka himself had experienced his early life living with his parents. Kafka describes how he had experienced his parents' financial and emotional exploitation's of him, to the point of detaching from them and thereby ceasing to be their son (the real metamorphosis). Gregor's metamorphosis is that of Kafka's being an obedient son, subserviently paying for his parents' narcissistic needs with his own life, into being a disobedient one—as if he had become a 'piece of vermin'. (summary by the reader)

Read by Phil Chenevert. Total running time: 2:23:47

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